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SUBJECT: SYRIA: TITLE I P.L. 480 RICE AND WHEAT PURCHASES

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1. RE PARA 1 REF. GARNAC REP IN BEIRUT SINCE EARLY THIS WEEK HAS CONTACTED SYRIAN CEREALS OFFICE (GOCM) BUT COULD NOT GO TO DAMASCUS BECAUSE OF TROUBLE IN LEBANON. HE WILL PROBABLY GO THERE SATURDAY, JUNE 7 TO SIGN CONTRACT.

2. RE PARA 2 REF. AGATT PITCHER TELEPHONED GOCM TO OBTAIN NAME OF BANK FOR WHEAT L/CS. GOCM REFERRED US TO WAFIC EL JAMAL, COMMERICAL BANK OF SYRIA. WE CALLED JAMAL WHO SAID TWO L/CS OPENED EACH FOR 25,000 METRIC TONS AT FIDELITY BANK OF NEW YORK (FOR DREYFUS AND TOYOMENKA). L/C FOR GARNAC'S WHEAT WILL ALSO BE OPENED AT FIDELITY.

3. RE PARA 3 AND 4 REF. TAFCO TELEPHONE OUT OF ORDER SO AGATT UNABLE TO CHECK ON SWITCH OF GARNAC RICE OR VANTAGE BID BOND. AGATT PLANS VISIT DAMASCUS JUNE 9 AND WILL CONTACT TAFCO THEN ON THESE SUBJECTS.

4. AGATT ALSO CONTACTED SYRIAMAR TO ASCERTAIN PROGRESS ON OCEAN FREIGHT. SYRIAMAR DOES NOT HAVE NAMES OF TWO FOREIGN FLAG
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VESSELS CHARTERED FOR RICE, BUT PROMISED TO ADVISE THEIR NEW YORK

SHIPPING AGENT, SCHENKERS ASAP FOR USDA APPROVAL. SYRIAMAR REPORTS THAT 3 LYKES LINES VESSELS WILL BE USED FOR TOYOMENKA WHEAT; ONE, THE MARGARET LYKES FOR 7,500 TONS GARNAC WHEAT; AND THE ITALIAN VESSEL FENICE FOR DREYFUS WHEAT. SYRIAMAR FINISHED CONTRACTING FOR WHEAT OCEAN FREIGHT WITH CHARTERING OF 19,500 TONS POLISH VESSEL ZIEMA OLFZTYNSKA, FOR WHICH AWAITING USDA APPROVAL. SYRIAMAR REPORTS THEY HAVE USDA WAIVER FOR US FLAG TONNAGE BALANCE OF ABOUT 19,000 TONS WHICH IS BEING COVERED BY ZIEMA OLFZTYNSKA.
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